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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 18 October 1965

DDCI was in the chair. DCI was on the Hill.

R. J. Smith briefed on the destruction by U. S. strike aircraft of a SAM site in North Vietnam yesterday. He noted the DCI's concern

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Kent reported on the completion of an in-house Agency memo concerning the recent buildup of air defense capabilities in Vietnam and the probable consequences. This memo was based on a boot-leg copy of an annex of air defense facts prepared in the JCS. A JCS paper of conclusions based on these facts has not yet been completed. The basic conclusion of the CIA paper is that kills per U. S. sortie against North Vietnam are likely to rise.

DD/S&T reported that the weather had cleared, and approval will be sought from the DDCI and DCI this afternoon, for two U-2 missions in the China area.

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DD/S&T asked for clarification of the manner in which the Agency will assess the studies concerning the NIKE-X and the ChiCom advanced weapons threat. He was told that a DD/I task force team was working on this with inputs from DD/S&T, particularly OSI. It was noted that [ ] has informed the SecDef about the Agency study and told him that Agency views would be forthcoming toward the end of this month.

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DD/S&T reported that he had an appointment with Secretary Rusk at 5:30 p.m. today to discuss OXCART. Hughes and

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Thompson will be in attendance. DDCI will try to attend also but he noted that he may be in session with Senator Brewster at that time.

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DD/P briefed on his impressions following his recent trip to [redacted] He particularly cited the good work being done by the Agency-sponsored [redacted] (See Action 2)

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DDCI noted the cable from [redacted] concerning military meetings there with several Congressmen, including Representative Rivers and Senator Brewster. All of the Congressmen seemed hostile to Agency programs. DDCI asked for particulars as to why these Congressmen feel this way. He noted that we have requested supplementary funds in the amount of [redacted] for [redacted] programs and that this money has not yet been provided. DD/P explained the latent desire of the military to gain control of Agency programs and projects in this area.

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DDCI noted that he planned to prepare a cable commending [redacted] for its reporting job in recent days. There was agreement that the reporting has been excellent.

ACTIONS:

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1. DDCI asked DD/S&T to inform him of the status of arrangements to carry out U-2 reconnaissance [redacted] (DD/S&T -- in the course of the day)

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2. DD/P is requested to contact Clark Clifford or Pat Coyne and brief either one or both on the [redacted] and other aspects of the situation in Vietnam as appropriate, prior to the Clifford-Coyne departure for the Far East on the 21st of October.

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